(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The University of Mumbai is a State University under the administrative control of the State Government of Maharashtra. As per the information furnished by the University, in response to press news, the Vice-Chancellor had appointed a one-man Committee headed by the Dean, Faculty of Arts to make an inquiry into the matter. The Director, Institute of Distance Education (IDE) has impounded the disputed text book and its sale and distribution has also been stopped. As per the suggestion of the Inquiry Committee, the objectionable sentences have been deleted and a senior academic has been appointed as a moderator to screen materials prepared and published by the IDE.

Sarvodaya Vidyalayas in A.P.

2642. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Sarvodaya Vidyalayas in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up new Sarvodaya Vidyalaya in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Sarvodaya Vidyalayas are established and managed by the State Governments. No centralised data on Sarvodaya Vidyalayas in the country is being maintained by this Ministry.

Ban on use of tobacco in schools

2643. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have banned sale of tobacco within 100m of Schools.

(b) whether this is being implemented in letter and spirit;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there has been a report of non-implementation of this ban in Delhi; and

(e) if so, the details of the cases which has come to Government's notice, State-wise and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) According to the Rules promulgated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare under the Cigarettes & Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade & Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003, sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products in an area within a radius of one hundred yards of the educational institution is strictly prohibited and it is an offence punishable with fine which may extend to two hundred Rupees. While according to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the power to enforce the various provisions of the Act are vested in the State Governments, no report of non-implementation has been received.

Primary Education Commission

†2644. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration for the constitution of a Primary Education Commission on the pattern of National Human Rights Commission;

(b) if so, the outline thereof alongwith the responsibilities proposed to be entrusted to the Primary Education Commission; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken by Government to implement the said proposal?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.